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Application of: Mitchell Clark Voges et al.

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
FITTING GOLF EQUIPMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The following is a response to the Examiner's Action dated December 17, 2008. The Restriction Requirement alleges that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species:

I: Type Of Optimization

Species 1 (Maximum Distance): Claims 84.

Species 2 (Maximum Spin): Claim 85.

Species 3 (Maximum Launch Angle): Claim 86.

Species 4 (Maximum Ceiling): Claim 87.

Species 5 (Determining an appropriate velocity based on the launch angle or spin rate): Claims 67-69 and 71-78.

Species 6 (Maximum Velocity for an optimized launch angle and spin rate):
Claims 82-83.

II. Type of Modification to Equipment

Species 1 (Shaft Length): Claims 10-11 and 75.

Species 2 (Changing Shaft Weight): Claims 12-13 and 75.

Species 3 (Changing Shaft Material): Claims 14-15.

Species 4 (Changing Tip Size): Claims 16-17.

Species 5 (Changing Shaft Torque): Claims 18-19 and 75.

Species 6 (Changing a Grip): Claims 20-21.

Species 7 (Changing Grip Weight): Claims 22-23.

Species 8 (Changing Head Center of Gravity): Claims 24-25 and 74.

Species 9 (Changing a Ball Spin Characteristic): Claims 26-27.

Species 10 (Changing Lie Angle): Claims 28.

Species 11 (Changing Head Loft): Claim 74.

Species 12 (Changing Head Size): Claim 74.

Species 13 (Changing Shaft Stiffness): Claims 75 and 80-83.

III. Type of Instruction to Swing

Species 1 (Use information of golfer's ability and equipment to instruct):

Claims 2-4.

Species 2 (Use swing data to produce incline load pattern): Claim 79.

Applicants believe that at least claim 1 is generic with respect to the species listed in each of Types I, II, and III. Applicant hereby elects Species 4, Species 6, and Species 2 from Types I, II, and III respectively, for prosecution on the merits should no generic claim be finally held allowable.